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Warmer Schools at Gaspereau, Hants West

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Students attending Gaspereau Elementary School and Hants West Rural High School will be more comfortable this winter, thanks to $25,000 and $30,000 in funding to improve the schools' heating systems.

"Our government is committed to providing healthy, safe environments for Nova Scotian children," Education and Culture Minister Robbie Harrison said in announcing the funding today. "These improvements will ensure the children at Gaspereau Elementary and Hants West Rural High will have warm, comfortable schools in which to learn."

The boilers in both schools will be replaced, marking Phase 1 of a renovation project. Specific project details will be determined in consultation with the school board and community.

Heather MacLean, chair of the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board, welcomed the funding. "We're pleased this funding is available to improve our schools' heating systems. We look forward to the ongoing renovations --making two great schools even better."

Projects for both Gaspereau Elementary School and Hants West Rural High School are being funded through the province's school construction and renovation plan announced in December 1997.

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Things are heating up for the students at Gaspereau Elementary and Hants West Rural High School in Nova Scotia.

The heating systems at the two schools are being improved.

The Department of Education and Culture has announced funding of 55-thousand dollars to pay for new boilers.

Education Minister Robbie Harrison says it's all part of the government's commitment to healthy and safe schools for Nova Scotian children.

The new heating systems mark Phase 1 of a renovation project at the schools. Other work will be carried out in consultation with the community and the school board.

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